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For BAGLESS DRY CLEANING KITS AND PROCESSES
FOR DRY CLEANING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in conjunction with the filing of a new patent application. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments contained herein prior to calculating the fees.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, immediately after the "Title", please insert the following paragraph:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation application under 35 USC 120 of U.S. Serial No. 09/486,411 filed February 25, 1999, which is a 371 application of PCT/IB98/01282, which claims priority under 35 USC 119(e) to U.S. Serial No. 60/057,580 filed August 27, 1997.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-10 without prejudice.

Please add the following new Claims:

11. A kit for dry cleaning fabrics comprising one or more carrier sheets that releasably comprise an amount of a liquid cleaning/refreshment composition such that when fabrics are exposed to said liquid cleaning/refreshment composition the fabrics are cleaned.

12. The kit according to Claim 11 wherein said fabric are exposed to said liquid cleaning/refreshment composition in a heating vessel.
13. A method for cleaning fabrics in need of cleaning comprising:
 - a) placing the fabrics in a heating vessel;
 - b) placing a carrier sheet that releasably comprises an amount of a liquid cleaning/refreshment composition such that when the fabrics are exposed to said liquid cleaning/refreshment composition the fabrics are cleaned into the heating vessel; and
 - c) operating the heating vessel such that the carrier sheet releases the liquid cleaning/refreshment composition in the form of a liquid vapor within the heating vessel.
14. A system for dry cleaning fabrics comprising contacting fabrics in need of cleaning with a liquid cleaning/refreshment composition such that the fabrics are cleaned, wherein the fabrics and liquid cleaning/refreshment composition are contained within a mechanical heating vessel.
15. A method for cleaning fabrics in need of cleaning comprising:
 - a) placing the fabrics in a heating vessel;
 - b) introducing an amount of a liquid cleaning/refreshment composition into the heating vessel such that the fabrics are cleaned; and
 - c) operating the heating vessel such that the liquid cleaning/refreshment composition cleans the fabrics.
16. A system for dry cleaning fabrics comprising an amount of a liquid cleaning/refreshment composition contained within a heating vessel, wherein fabrics present in the heating vessel are cleaned upon operating said heating vessel.
17. A method for dry cleaning fabrics in a heating vessel without adding wrinkles to the fabric articles comprising:
 - a) placing the fabrics in a heating vessel;
 - b) placing a carrier sheet that releasably comprises an amount of a liquid cleaning/refreshment composition such that when the fabrics are exposed to said liquid cleaning/refreshment composition the fabrics are cleaned into the heating vessel; and
 - c) operating the heating vessel such that the carrier sheet releases the liquid cleaning/refreshment composition in the form of a liquid vapor within the heating vessel.

18. A method for cleaning fabrics in need of cleaning comprising:
 - a) placing the fabrics in a heating vessel;
 - b) exposing said fabric within the heating vessel to an amount of liquid cleaning/refreshment composition for an amount of time such that the fabrics are cleaned.
19. A kit according to Claim 11 further comprising one or more Absorbent Stain Receiver Articles.
20. A kit according to Claim 19 wherein said one or more Absorbent Stain Receiver Articles is selected from the group consisting of TBAL, LBAL, MBAL, FAM and mixtures thereof.
21. A kit according to Claim 11 further comprising a pre-treating composition.
22. A kit according to Claim 21 wherein the pre-treating composition comprises butoxy propoxy propanol.
23. A kit according to Claim 11 wherein the one or more carrier sheets are supplied in a pouch which is substantially water tight and the carrier sheets are pre-saturated with the liquid cleaning/refreshment composition.
24. A kit according to Claim 11, wherein the liquid cleaning/refreshment composition comprises from about 90% to about 99.5% by weight water and from about 10% to about 0.5% by weight of materials selected from the group consisting of perfumes, emulsifiers, surfactants, solvents, preservatives and mixtures thereof.
25. A kit according to Claim 11 wherein the one or more carrier sheets have an aggregate surface area of from about 250 in² (1,500 cm²) to about 1,000 in² (6,500 cm²).


Remarks

Applicant has amended the Specification to specify the priority claims. Applicant has also amended the Claims by canceling the current claims and submitting a new set of Claims. Applicant respectfully submits that support for the new Claims is found throughout the Specification and the original Claims.

Conclusion

Applicant have made an earnest effort to place the present application in form for allowance. WHEREFORE, entry of the Specification and Claim amendments and allowance of Claims 11-25 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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